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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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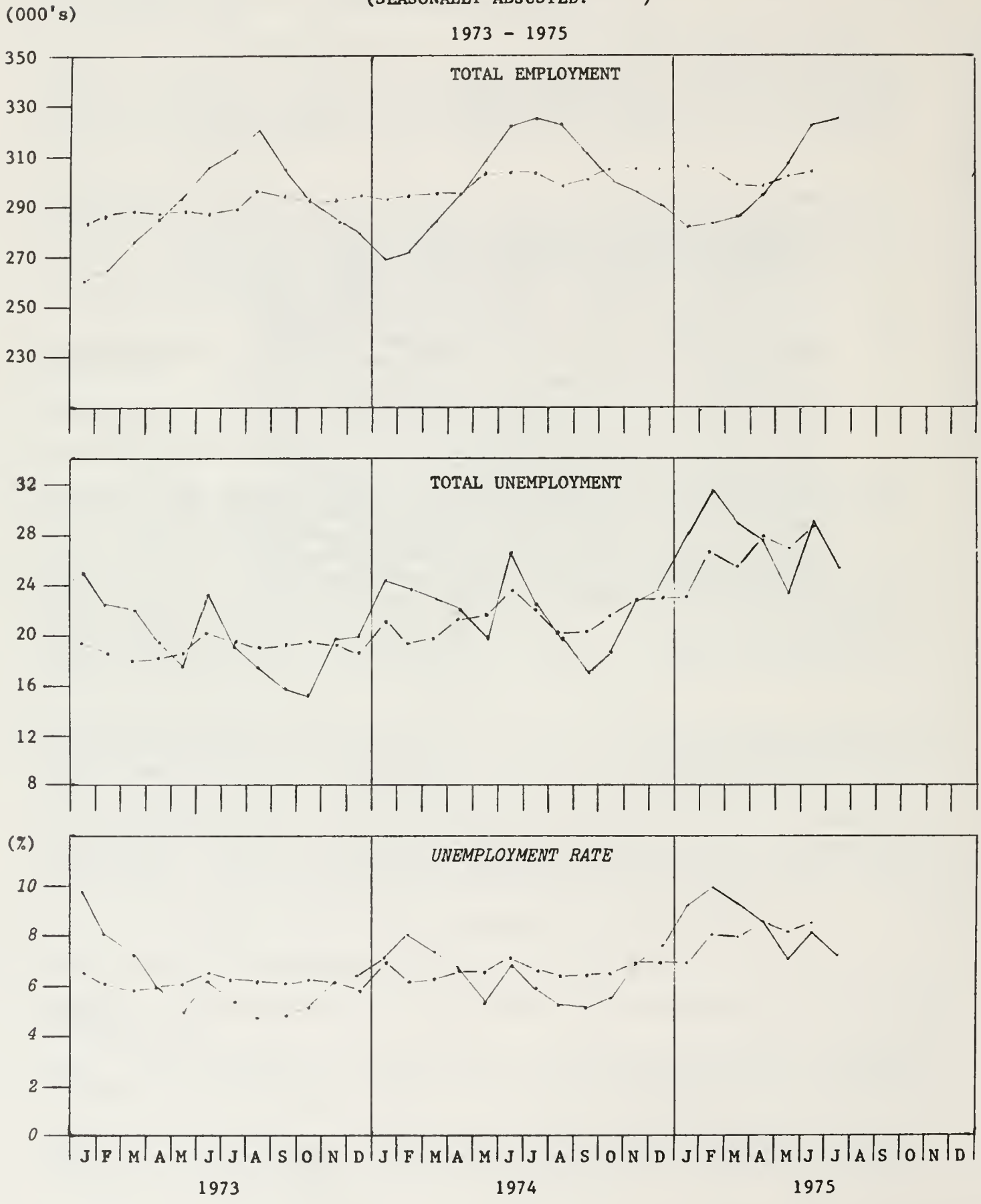


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

JULY 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's unemployment rate for June was 8.2%, up from the 7.1% for May and the 6.9 % one year ago in June. The civilian labor force increased by 20,400 from last month and 5.9 thousand from last year while unemployment increased by 5.4 thousand from May and 5.1 thousand from June 1974. Total employment was up 15,000 from one month ago and up 800 from last year. June's agriculture employment increased by 5.3 thousand from May but down 1.5 thousand from one year ago.

Montana's nonagricultural employment (estimated data) for June at 249,200 was up 8,300 from the May total and was up 5,400 from last year at the same time. Total manufacturing employment increased by 1,300 from the previous month but showed a decline of 1,500 from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing employment was up 7,000 from the previous month and increased by 6,900 from last year.

Total June employment in durable goods was 16.2 thousand for the State, an increase of 900 from May, however a decrease of 800 from June 1974. Lumber and wood products recorded a jump of 900 from last month, however it was still down from the levels recorded one year ago. Primary metals industries remained the same as last month but was also down from a year ago.

During the month of June, employment in the nondurable goods was down by 700 from a year ago but increased 400 from last month. Printing, publishing, and petroleum refining accounted for the increase.

Total nonmanufacturing employment for June was 225,000 compared to 218,000 in May and 218,100 in June 1974. Industries showing increased employment from the previous month and also from one year ago were; contract construction, up 1,500 from last month and up 1,200 from last year; wholesale and retail trades, up 1,200 from last month and up 1,100 from last year; services, up 2,200 from last month and up 1,700 from a year ago; government, up 1,400 from May and up 4,000 from last year. Mining showed a rise in employment over last month of 100 people but was down 300 from last year. Transportation and utilities dropped 800 from the same time one year ago and increased 600 from the previous month, while finance, insurance, and real estate was unchanged.

The May volume of bank debits reporting for Montana increased 13% from May of last year. Debits for the 12 months through May 1975 increased 23% from the previous 12 month period. Helena's debits for the 12 month period increased by more than twice the percentage of any other city in the State with the next largest increase recorded at Missoula. During the same time, bank debits increased by 2% in Billings and 11% in Great Falls.

Montana building permits for April 1975 totaled 523 with a valuation of over $9.4 million. The Billings Standard Metropolitan Area had 188 permits issued and valued at $3.7 million while the Great Falls SMSA issued 73 permits with valuation of $748,000. Other major reporting areas were Bozeman 28 permits valued at $746,000, Helena 32 permits valued at $624,000, Miles City 39 permits at $607,000, and Missoula 80 permits valued at $2.2 million.

Montana's labor turnover rates for May show the accession up over last month but down from one year ago. Separation rates were up from April and from a year ago in the manufacturing industries but were down from May 1974 in the mining industry.

For April, production of crude oil and condensate in the State averaged 90,019 barrels daily, which is a decrease of 2,053 barrels from the March average production.

Refineries in the State processed 116,882 barrels of crude oil daily for the month, an 11,150 decrease from March. Ninety two wells were completed during the month and 52 permits were issued to drill new wells.

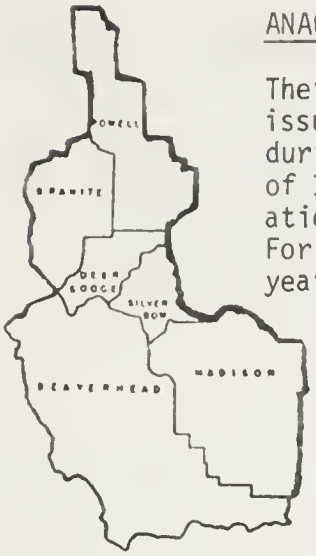
June's average hourly weekly earnings for private industries (production workers, nonsupervisory personnel) was $160.00 compared to $157.24 for the previous month and $152.21 for the same month a year ago. Average hours worked per week was 36.2, slightly above May's 35.9 average and below the 36.5 average recorded a year ago in June. Average hourly earnings increased to $4.42 in June from $4.38 in May and $4.17 in June 1974. Contract construction had the highest average weekly earnings,$283.32, and highest average hourly earnings, $7.87, while services had the lowest average weekly earnings, $104.33, and the lowest average hourly earnings, $3.23. Total private industry showed a 6% increase for average hourly earnings over the same month one year ago. All major industries recorded an increase: Manufacturing 5.5%, Mining 16.0%, Contract Construction 4.5%, Transportation and Public Utilities 2.1%, Wholesale and Retail Trades 6.2%, Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate 6.9%, and Services 12.2%. The mining industry had the highest average weekly hours worked during June with 42.9 and the services had the lowest at 32.3. Wholesale and retail trades made up the largest segment of the total private production workers at 35% followed by services at 26%.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

One hundred and eleven building permits were issued in Great Falls in May with a total valuation of $747,000. During the first 5 months of 1975, 278 permits have been issued in the city with a total valuation of $4.2 million. Work has started on the $1.9 million, 30 inch water main in the city and a new postal facility. For the first four months of 1975 there were 61 permits issued for housing units with a valuation of $1,127,000. Bank debits in Great Falls increased by 11% for the 12 month period through May over one year ago. Total nonagriculture employment for Cascade County was up 1,400 from a year ago and up 200 from last month. The largest increase was noted in the services where there was a 600 jump from 1974 while retail trade showed an increase of 500 from last June. In agriculture, with weather conditions moderated, the haying season has started.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

There were 146 building permits issued in Billings during May with a total valuation of $2.2 million. There were 68 residential permits issued and valued at $1.7 million, including 85 housing units. For the first five months of 1975 there were 471 permits issued with a valuation of $8.2 million compared with 478 permits for the same period a year ago with a valuation of $10.5 million. Billings' bank debits for the 12 month period through May increased 2%. Total nonagricultural employment in Yellowstone County in June was 38,700, up 500 from the previous month and up 700 from last year. Wholesale and retail trade had the largest increase while slight decreases were noted in mnaufacturing and transportation and public utilities. In agriculture, winter wheat is good while spring wheat, corn, and beets are behind in growth.



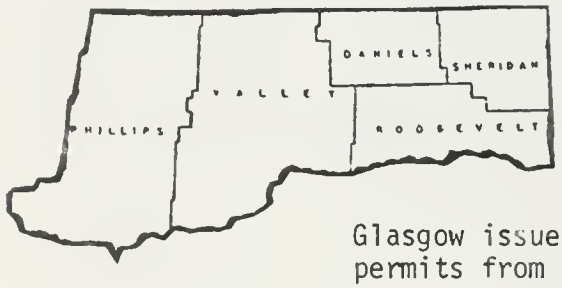
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

There were 31 permits issued in Butte and Anaconda during the first 4 months of 1975 with a total valuation of $1.1 million. For the same period one year ago 36 permits were issued with a valuation of $546,000. Bank debits in Anaconda were up 24% in May over last year and were up 13% for the 12-month period through May from the previous year. At Butte, debits were up 21% for the same 12-month period but recorded a drop of 5% in May from last year. The local smelter company this month made an announcement that they would close their Arbiter plant in Anaconda for an indefinite period, affecting at least 120 workers. At Dillon, logging and sawmill operations have stepped up as a large mill added a second shift. The main agricultural activities include irrigating, pipe moving, and the trailing of livestock to summer ranges.

BOZEMAN LMA

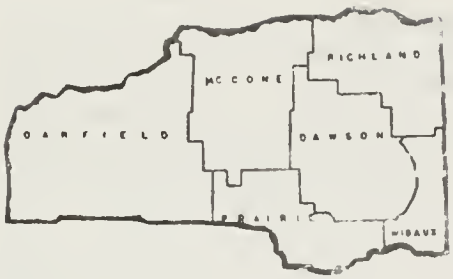
There were 28 building permits issued in Bozeman in April with a total valuation of $746,000 compared with 23 permits issued and valued at $987,000 last May. Through the first 4 months of 1975, 74 permits have been issued with a valuation of $2.2 million. At Livingston, 57 permits were issued for the first 4 months of this year valued at $186,000. Bank debits for Bozeman for the 12-month period through May increased by 3% over last year while at Livingston they were up 5% for the same period. All construction projects in the area continued on schedule during the month, and retail and wholesale trade showed their seasonal increase due to the upswing in outdoor activities and tourism. The first cutting of alfalfa was 60% complete by the first week in July. The other major agricultural activity in the area was irrigating.

GLASGOW LMA



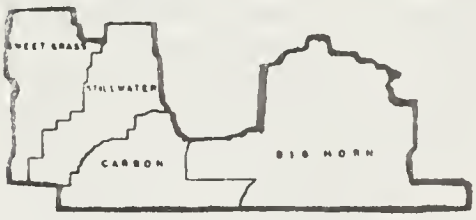
Glasgow issued 107 permits from January through April of 1975 with a valuation of $109,000. At the same time Malta in Phillips County issued 9 permits valued at $42,000, while in Roosevelt County 2 permits were issued with a valuation of $52,000. Bank debits in Glasgow for the 12-month period through May remained the same as the previous year, and at Malta they were down 8%. General construction has been going at a steady pace in Glasgow during the past month and retail sales are comparable to last year. At Wolf Point construction projects include highway and bridge construction, county warehouse, rural telephone headquarters building, law enforcement facility, and a considerable amount of residential building. Farm and ranch activities during the month included haying, irrigating and summer fallowing.

GLENDIVE LMA



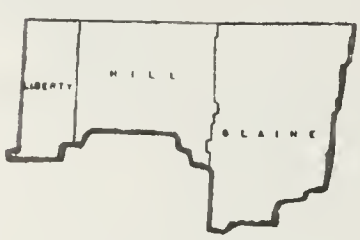
With the more settled weather in the area local construction and farming have had good activity. There were 9 building permits issued in the first 4 months of 1975 with a valuation of $101,000. Last year for the same period there were 21 permits issued valued at $482,000. Bank debits for May were 9% above last May, and were up 12% for the 12-month period through May from the previous year. Retail trades and services increased employment during the month. Sugar beet thinning and hoeing have been completed in the area and the cutting of alfalfa was nearly complete by mid-July. Livestock and grains are looking good for this time of year.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



Construction will begin on a 7,900 square foot solar powered visitor center within 30 days of awarding the contract, at a cost of nearly one million dollars at the Big Horn Canyon National Recreation area. The project is expected to take about a year. A major oil company offered the Crow Tribe a revised coal lease in June. Carbon County received a $70,000 grant which will go for work on the Pryor Mountain watershed project. In Sweet Grass County, a Big Timber corporation has received a federal loan to construct a 16-unit apartment complex.

HAVRE LMA

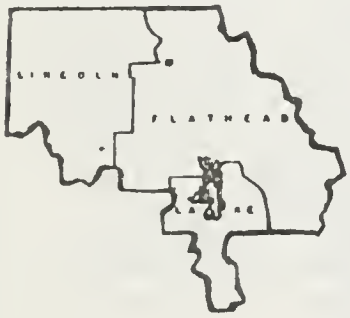


All area construction projects are moving along on schedule. Twenty-four building permits have been issued in Havre during the first 4 months of 1975 with a total valuation of $623,000. Of this total 12 were residential permits that included 34 housing units. Last year for the same time, 30 permits were issued with a valuation of $491,000. Bank debits for the community were up 12% for the 12-month period through May 1975 from the previous 12 months. Wholesale and retail trades showed the most activity in the labor market area with the start of the summer season. Hot humid weather conditions recently increased the growth of hay and grain.

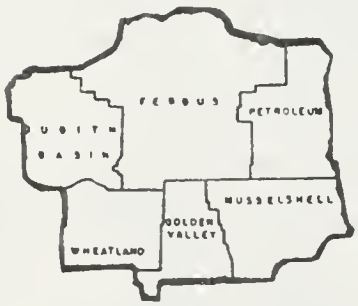
HELENA LMA

Thirty-two building permits were issued for April in Helena with a total valuation of $624,000 compared with 35 permits issued one year ago worth $394,000. For the first 4 months of 1975, 77 permits were issued valued at $2.3 million. For the same time one year ago 91 permits were issued valued at $3.2 million. All phases of outside construction are progressing well. Major projects in the area include a new library, a new federal building, clearing and staking of the four-lane highway at McDonald Pass, and several city paving projects. Bank debits in the city led the state. The main agricultural activities in the area were haying and irrigating.

KALISPELL LMA



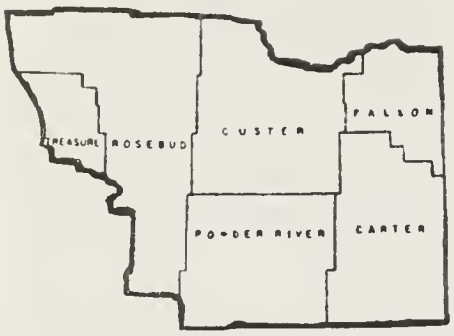
Seventeen building permits were issued in Kalispell during June with an estimated valuation of $75,800. For the first 6 months of this year 66 permits have been issued with a valuation of $652,600 compared with 100 permits issued during the same period in 1974 valued at $1.8 million. Bank debits for the first 5 months of 1975 were down 15% from the same period one year ago. In Lincoln County work continues on the Libby Dam project with nearly 400 men employed at the end of June. The County will also receive $300,000 for public service employment projects for Kootenai National Forest. In the Flathead National Forest, the Forest Service has proposed that about 166,000 acres be leased for oil and gas exploration in the forest. In the Kalispell area farm activities included irrigating, Christmas tree hoeing and pruning, and haying, while at Polson in Lake County haying and general farm work were the main agricultural activities.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Construction in Lewistown remained good with many projects underway ranging from major buildings to minor remodeling. A $1 million addition to the State Home for the Aged, and a new pizza restaurant have just gotten underway, and a major Montana utility company is erecting a 5,000 square foot warehouse and shop. Also it was announced this month that work will start soon on a 24-room addition to a local inn. There have been 18 permits issued during the first 4 months with a total valuation of $400,000. Last year for the same time there were 23 permits issued valued at $171,000. Bank debits for Lewistown were down 9% from last year through the first 5 months. Both local sawmills in the area are operating at capacity. The main agricultural activities are haying and general farm work.

MILES CITY LMA

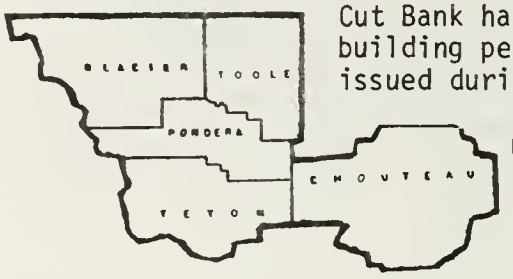


All major industries in the labor market area have remained steady throughout the month. Work continued on the road project in Fallon County. There have been 80 building permits issued in Miles City for the first 4 months of 1975 with a valuation of $820,000 compared with the same period in 1974 when 82 permits were issued with a valuation of $360,000. In June, a major coal company opened a new $4 million coal handling facility west of Colstrip. The facility will have the capacity of crushing and loading more than 10 million tons of coal per year and is expected to load more than 300 million tons in its lifetime. Bank debits in Miles City were down 13% from last year through the first 5 months of 1975. Winter wheat harvest is expected to start about the beginning of August.

MISSOULA LMA

Missoula County approved a $370,441 bid for repair of the main runway at the airport. There were 200 building permits issued during the first 4 months of 1975 valued at $4,915,000 compared with 161 permits issued and valued at $3,127,000. Nearly 500 workers returned to work on July 14 at the local paper company after a temporary layoff, while another mill shut down for 2 weeks involving 200 employees. Bank debits in Missoula were up 59% in May over last year, and through the first 5 months of this year were up 59%. The city of Hamilton will receive $22,000 in federal money for street construction. In Sanders County, federal funds of $150,000 were received for employment for projects in the national forest. Haying began in the Missoula area in mid-July, while at Hamilton the main agricultural activities were haying, irrigating and berry picking.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA



Cut Bank had 15 building permits issued during the first 4 months of 1975 with a total valuation of $23,000. The housing construction project in Browning continues to be the major construction activity in the area. Many smaller projects exist such as remodeling of a hospital in Cut Bank, remodeling residential homes, Glacier County and Bureau of Indian Affairs bridge and roads, and irrigation projects. Retail trades for the area was fair, and tourist trade is below normal. Oilfield activity remained steady during the month and the Blackfeet Tribe signed an exploration and production contract with a major oil corporation. This will allow the company to explore and drill on unleased tribal lands in Glacier and Pondera Counties. The main agricultural work was haying and summer fallowing.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's labor force will show a steady decline in August and will continue through September and October as tourism and outdoor activities begin to decrease and students return to school. The unemployment rate will also decrease, although it is expected to be higher than one year ago. Construction industry employment continues on the upswing and in time will hopefully reach the levels it experienced in 1973 and 1974. Wholesale and retail employment throughout the state remains moderate as employers are waiting to see what direction the economy is going to take. Employment in the Manufacturing industry is expected to be down through the autumn and is also running below last year.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

JUNE 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	203	87	2,113
CETA-CEP	121	66	317
CETA-INST.	14	71	185
CETA-OJT	80	45	188
JOB CORPS	44	12	269

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	June 1975	*Percent Change From:* May 1975	June 1974
All Items	160.6	0.8%	9.3%

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

JUNE 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	3.6%
Female	37.6%
Youth	12.8%
Over 45	23.1%

1/ *The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

2/ *Based on sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* Montana	U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	*8.8*	*5.5*	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	*8.1*	*5.6*	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	*7.3*	*5.2*	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	*6.0*	*4.8*	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	*5.0*	*4.3*	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	*6.2*	*5.4*	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	*5.6*	*5.0*	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	*4.9*	*4.7*	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	*5.2*	*4.2*	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	*6.2*	*4.5*	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	*6.2*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	*
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	*9.3*	*9.0*	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	*10.0*	*9.1*	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	*7.1*	*8.3*	.1
June	352.7	323.6	280.0	43.6	29.1	*8.2*	*9.1*	.1
July	*351.5*	*326.0*	*279.3*	*46.7*	*25.5*	*7.3*		
August								
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* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	0.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.8*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*8.1*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.0*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	*
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	.1
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	*7.0*	*7.1*	*
June	34.7	31.9	30.2	1.7	2.8	*8.0*	*8.2*	*
July	*34.6*	*32.0*	*30.2*	*1.8*	*2.6*	*7.6*	*7.3*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

[illegible] Force

...D. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	*6.6*	*8.8*	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	*5.5*	*8.1*	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	*4.9*	*7.3*	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	*4.6*	*6.0*	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	*4.7*	*5.9*	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	*6.2*	*6.2*	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*5.8*	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	*5.1*	*4.8*	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	*4.4*	*4.9*	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	*4.6*	*5.2*	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	*4.9*	*5.2*	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	*4.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	*7.9*	*9.3*	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.0*	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	*7.4*	*8.7*	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	*5.6*	*7.1*	0
June	48.3	44.9	42.9	2.0	3.4	*7.0*	*8.2*	0
July	*48.2*	*45.2*	*43.1*	*2.1*	*3.0*	*6.2*	*7.3*	
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

JUNE 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: June 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	352.7	332.3	346.8	20.4	5.9
2. Unemployment	29.1	23.7	24.0	5.4	5.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*8.2*	*7.1*	*6.9*	*1.1*	*1.3*
3. Employment, Total	323.6	308.6	322.8	15.0	.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	246.9	238.6	244.9	8.3	2.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*249.2*	*240.9*	*243.8*	*8.3*	*5.4*
MANUFACTURING	*24.2*	*22.9*	*25.7*	*1.3*	*-1.5*
Durable Goods	*16.2*	*15.3*	*17.0*	*0.9*	*-0.8*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*9.6*	*8.7*	*10.2*	*0.9*	*-0.6*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.5*	*0*	*-0.3*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.3*	*0*	*0.1*
Nondurable Goods	*8.0*	*7.6*	*8.7*	*0.4*	*-0.7*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.5*	*3.5*	*4.0*	*0*	*-0.5*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.0*	*2.0*	*2.0*	*0*	*0*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.2*	*1.1*	*1.2*	*0.1*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.0*	*1.5*	*0.3*	*-0.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*225.0*	*218.0*	*218.1*	*7.0*	*6.9*
Mining	*7.4*	*7.3*	*7.7*	*0.1*	*-0.3*
10 Metal Mining	*3.4*	*3.4*	*4.4*	*0*	*-1.0*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.4*	*0.1*	*0.6*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*0.1*

Contract Construction	12.9	11.4	11.7	1.5	1.2
15 General Building Contractors	5.7	5.0	5.3	0.7	0.4
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.5	2.0	1.6	0.5	0.9
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.7	4.4	4.8	0.3	-0.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.4	18.8	20.2	0.6	-0.8
40 Railroad Transportation	6.3	6.2	6.6	0.1	-0.3
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.5	5.2	6.3	0.3	-0.8
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.6	7.4	7.3	0.2	0.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	62.7	61.5	61.6	1.2	1.1
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.3	12.5	0.4	0.2
Retail Trade	50.0	49.2	49.1	0.8	0.9
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.4	8.3	8.1	0.1	0.3
54 Food Stores	6.4	6.4	6.6	0	-0.2
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.3	8.3	8.7	0	-0.4
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.5	15.9	15.6	0.6	0.9
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.4	10.3	10.1	0.1	0.3
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.6	10.6	10.6	0	0
Services	47.3	45.1	45.6	2.2	1.7
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	7.8	6.0	7.6	1.8	0.2
72 Personal Services	2.9	2.8	2.7	0.1	0.2
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.0	13.8	13.8	0.2	0.2
Other Services	22.6	22.5	21.5	0.1	1.1
Government	64.7	63.3	60.7	1.4	4.0
91 Federal Government	13.6	12.7	14.0	0.9	-0.4
State and Local Government	51.1	50.6	46.7	0.5	4.4
92 State Government	17.2	17.6	17.1	-0.4	0.1
93 Local Government	33.9	33.0	29.6	0.9	4.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	33.1	31.7	32.8	1.4	.3
(c) Agriculture	43.6	38.3	45.1	5.3	-1.5
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	.1	.1	2.0	0	-1.9

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JUNE 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1975	June 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.7	33.8	34.1	.9	.6
2. Unemployment	2.8	2.4	2.5	.4	.3
Percent of Labor Force#	*8.0*	*7.0*	*7.3*	*1.1*	*.8*
3. Employment, Total	31.9	31.4	31.6	.5	.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.7	27.4	27.4	.3	.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.7*	*28.5*	*27.3*	*.2*	*1.4*
MANUFACTURING	*1.9*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*.1*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*26.8*	*26.7*	*25.3*	*.1*	*1.5*
Contract Construction	*1.6*	*1.5*	*1.5*	*.1*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.6*	*2.6*	*2.5*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.5*	*8.5*	*8.0*	*0*	*.5*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.8*	*0*	*.2*
Services and Mining	*6.0*	*6.0*	*5.4*	*0*	*.6*
Government	*6.1*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*0*	*0*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0
(c) Agriculture	1.7	1.5	1.7	.2	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	1.2	*	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1973 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

JUNE 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: May 1975	June 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.3	46.7	48.1	1.6	.2
2. Unemployment	3.4	2.6	3.1	.8	.3
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.0*	*5.6*	*6.3*	*1.4*	*.7*
3. Employment, Total	44.9	44.1	45.0	.8	-.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	38.5	37.9	38.3	.6	.2
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*38.7*	*38.2*	*38.0*	*0.5*	*0.7*
MANUFACTURING	*3.3*	*3.2*	*3.6*	*0.1*	*-0.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*35.4*	*35.0*	*34.4*	*.4*	*1.0*
Contract Construction	*2.0*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*.1*	*0.2*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.6*	*3.5*	*3.7*	*.1*	*-0.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.5*	*12.4*	*11.9*	*0.1*	*0.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.9*	*0*	*0*
Services and Mining	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.0*	*0*	*0.2*
Government	*7.2*	*7.1*	*7.1*	*0.1*	*0.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.4	4.4	4.4	0	0
(c) Agriculture	2.0	1.8	2.3	.2	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	0	0	.5	0	-.5

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
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Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Apr. 1975	May 1975	June 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975	June 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975	June 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1975	June 1975
STATEWIDE	324.0	332.3	352.7	296.0	308.6	323.6	28.0	23.7	29.1	*8.7*	*7.1*	*8.2*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.3	33.8	34.7	30.6	31.4	31.9	2.7	2.4	2.8	*8.2*	*7.0*	*8.0*
BILLINGS SMSA	46.3	46.7	48.3	42.9	44.1	44.9	3.4	2.6	3.4	*7.4*	*5.6*	*7.0*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	244.4	251.8	269.7	222.5	233.1	246.8	21.9	18.7	22.9	*9.0*	*7.4*	*8.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	34.3	34.9	37.2	31.2	32.1	33.2	3.1	2.8	4.0	*8.9*	*8.1*	*10.7*
BOZEMAN	23.9	24.6	26.1	21.8	22.8	24.1	2.1	1.8	2.0	*8.7*	*7.4*	*7.8*
GLASGOW	15.5	16.3	17.8	14.7	15.6	16.9	.8	.7	.9	*5.3*	*4.2*	*5.2*
GLENDIVE	12.9	13.6	14.8	12.2	13.0	14.0	.7	.6	.8	*5.5*	*4.2*	*5.5*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.9	10.1	11.0	9.1	9.5	10.1	.8	.6	.9	*7.8*	*6.0*	*8.1*
HAVRE	12.1	12.6	13.7	11.4	12.0	12.9	.7	.6	.8	*6.1*	*4.5*	*5.9*
HELENA	21.5	21.9	23.0	19.9	20.6	21.3	1.6	1.3	1.7	*7.2*	*6.0*	*7.4*
KALISPELL	33.4	33.7	35.9	28.3	29.6	31.3	5.1	4.1	4.6	*15.2*	*12.2*	*13.0*
LEWISTOWN	10.8	11.6	12.9	10.1	11.1	12.2	.7	.5	.7	*6.4*	*4.3*	*5.2*
MILES CITY	12.9	13.2	14.1	12.2	12.7	13.3	.7	.5	.8	*5.6*	*4.2*	*5.4*
MISSOULA	40.2	40.8	42.4	35.5	36.5	37.8	4.7	4.3	4.6	*11.8*	*10.5*	*10.8*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.0	18.5	20.8	16.1	17.6	19.7	.9	.9	1.1	*5.5*	*4.6*	*5.4*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

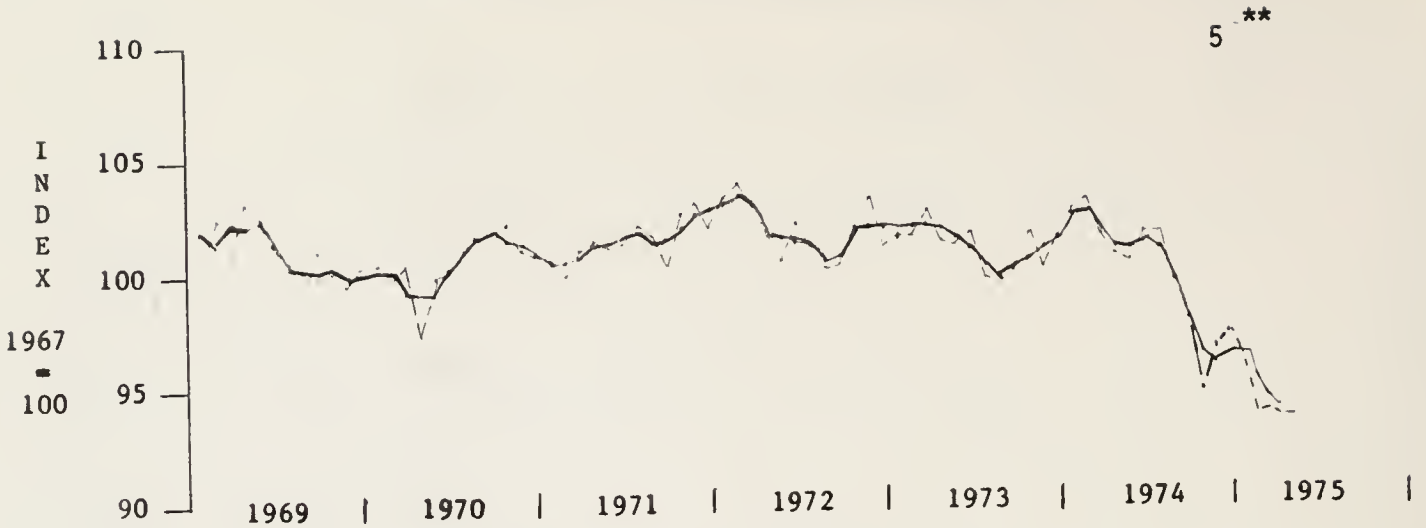
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	June 1975	June 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	June 1975	June 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	June 1975	June 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	June 1975	June 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	352.7	346.8	*1.7*	323.6	322.8	*.2*	29.1	24.0	5.1	*8.2*	*6.9*	*1.3*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.7	34.1	*1.8*	31.9	31.6	*.9*	2.8	2.5	.3	*8.0*	*7.3*	*.7*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.3	48.1	*.4*	44.9	45.0	*-.2*	3.4	3.1	.3	*7.0*	*6.3*	*.7*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	269.7	264.6	*1.9*	246.8	246.2	*.2*	22.9	18.4	4.5	*8.5*	*7.0*	*1.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	37.2	37.5	*-.8*	33.2	35.1	*-5.4*	4.0	2.4	1.6	*10.7*	*6.4*	*4.3*
BOZEMAN	26.1	26.8	*-2.6*	24.1	25.1	*-4.0*	2.0	1.7	.3	*7.8*	*6.3*	*1.5*
GLASGOW	17.8	17.4	*2.3*	16.9	16.4	*3.0*	.9	1.0	-.1	*5.2*	*5.6*	*-.4*
GLENDIVE	14.8	14.2	*4.2*	14.0	13.6	*2.9*	.8	.6	.2	*5.5*	*4.2*	*1.3*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.0	12.2	*-9.8*	10.1	11.4	*-11.4*	.9	.8	.1	*8.1*	*7.6*	*.5*
HAVRE	13.7	12.7	*7.9*	12.9	11.9	*8.4*	.8	.8	0	*5.9*	*6.0*	*-.1*
HELENA	23.0	22.9	*.4*	21.3	21.5	*-.9*	1.7	1.4	.3	*7.4*	*6.1*	*1.3*
KALISPELL	35.9	33.8	*6.2*	31.3	30.0	*4.3*	4.6	3.8	.8	*13.0*	*11.2*	*1.8*
LEWISTOWN	12.9	11.8	*9.3*	12.2	11.1	*9.9*	.7	.7	0	*5.2*	*6.4*	*1.2*
MILES CITY	14.1	14.4	*-2.1*	13.3	13.7	*-2.9*	.8	.7	.1	*5.4*	*4.9*	*.5*
MISSOULA	42.4	42.2	*.5*	37.8	39.0	*-3.1*	4.6	3.2	1.4	*10.8*	*7.7*	*3.1*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	20.8	18.7	*11.2*	19.7	17.4	*13.2*	1.1	1.3	-.2	*5.4*	*6.8*	*-1.4*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8
April	93.5
May	93.2
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

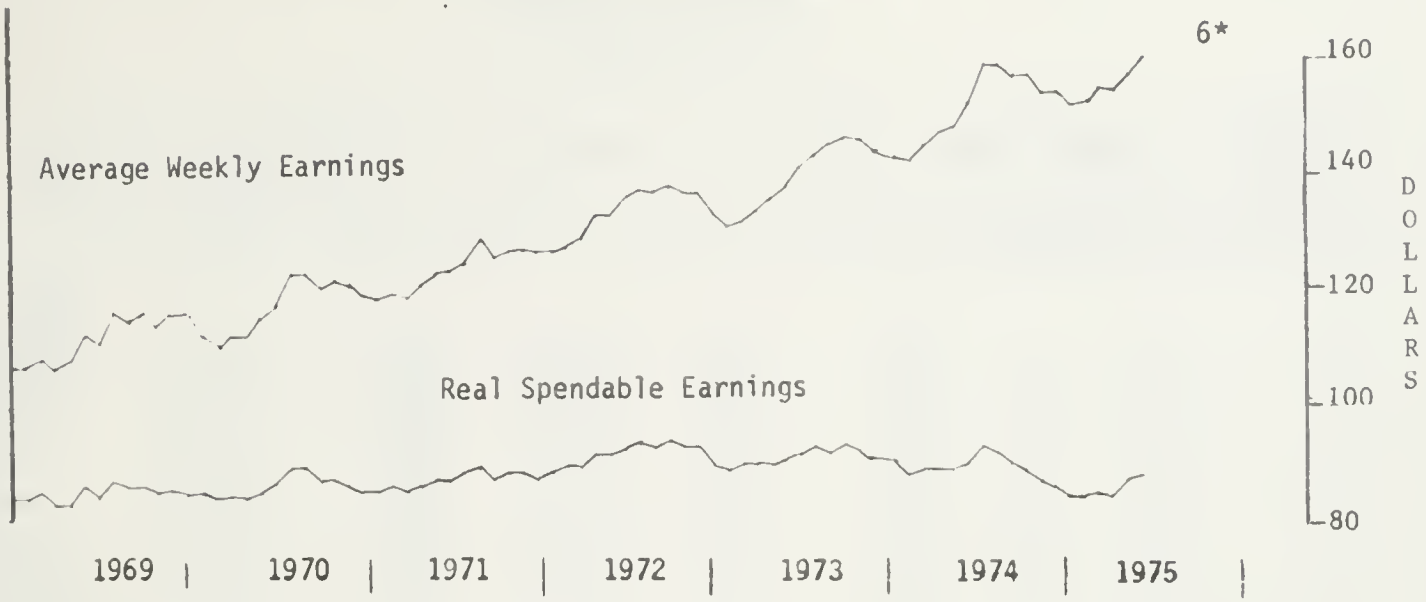
The composite index for May continues the downward spiral to reach a new all-time low of 93.2. Four of the six components displayed positive trends, but were offset by the high negative trends of layoffs and weekly initial claims. Seasonally adjusted, layoffs increased 450% over last month and weekly initial claims increased 34% over last month. The layoffs were affected by the closing of a plant in western Montana; however, this plant is expected to resume activities by next month. Weekly initial claims are expected to decrease only slightly next month.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$160.00	$157.24	$152.21
Taxes Withheld	21.88	21.06	22.42
Spendable Earnings	138.12	136.17	129.79
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	52.12	50.69	41.44
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	86.00	85.48	88.35

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$143.47	$88.29
Feb.	142.96	86.96
Mar.	145.20	87.04
Apr.	147.29	87.65
May	148.47	87.31
Jun.	152.21	88.35
Jul.	159.90	91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.00p	86.00p

Gross average weekly earnings rose sufficiently in June to exceed price increases for the same period. Specifically, gross earnings before taxes increased from May at $157.24 to $160.00 in June. Meanwhile, real spendable earnings rose from $85.48 to $86.00 over the same time interval, despite this year's largest monthly increase in consumer prices. Even though real spendable earnings have grown in the past two months, this indicator is still significantly less than last year's comparable monthly data. Thus, Montanans may have won an inflationary battle, but they are still losing an inflationary war.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						Montana	U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	6.5	5.0	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	6.1	5.1	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	5.9	5.0	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	6.0	5.0	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	6.1	5.0	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	6.3	4.7	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	6.1	4.8	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	6.1	4.8	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	6.3	4.5	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	6.2	4.7	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	5.9	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	*
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	8.6	8.9	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	8.2	9.2	.1
June	333.7	304.9	270.2	34.7	28.8	8.6	8.6	.1
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: *Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent		
						County	State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	7.3	6.5	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	7.3	6.1	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	7.3	5.9	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.0	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	7.8	6.1	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	8.4	6.5	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	7.4	6.3	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.1	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	6.6	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	7.2	6.2	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	*
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.6	.1
May	33.8	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	7.6	8.2	*
June	33.1	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.5	7.4	8.6	*
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	*5.2*	*6.5*	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	*4.5*	*6.1*	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	*4.0*	*5.9*	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.0*	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	*5.5*	*6.1*	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	*5.9*	*6.5*	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	*5.7*	*6.3*	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	*5.0*	*6.1*	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	*5.4*	*6.3*	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	*5.2*	*6.2*	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	*4.1*	*5.9*	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	*6.4*	*7.0*	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	*4.9*	*6.2*	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	*4.6*	*6.3*	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	*5.5*	*6.7*	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	*5.2*	*6.6*	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	*6.0*	*7.2*	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	*5.4*	*6.7*	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	*4.8*	*6.5*	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*6.5*	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	*5.0*	*6.6*	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	*6.7*	*7.0*	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	*7.1*	*8.1*	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	*7.0*	*7.9*	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	*7.9*	*8.6*	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	*6.5*	*8.2*	0
June	46.6	43.5	41.9	1.6	3.1	*6.7*	*8.6*	0
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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1/ *Non-additive - included in Total Employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

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ESTABLISHMENT DATA

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

JUNE 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974	June 1975	May 1975	June 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$160.00	$157.24	$152.21	36.2	35.9	36.5	$4.42	$4.38	$4.17
MANUFACTURING	190.69	183.45	185.55	37.1	35.9	38.1	5.14	5.11	4.87
Durable Goods	184.02	177.21	183.64	37.1	35.8	38.1	4.96	4.95	4.82
Primary Metal Industries	242.76	244.67	202.36	40.8	41.4	39.6	5.95	5.91	5.11
Nondurable Goods	211.30	202.36	192.65	37.2	36.2	38.3	5.68	5.59	5.03
Food and Kindred Products	203.84	199.39	182.96	38.1	37.2	40.3	5.35	5.36	4.54
MINING	267.70	266.02	227.57	42.9	42.7	42.3	6.24	6.23	5.38
Metal Mining	266.69	266.69	223.11	40.9	40.9	40.2	6.52	6.52	5.55
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	283.32	278.87	266.56	36.0	35.3	35.4	7.87	7.90	7.53
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	245.92	245.18	241.40	42.4	42.2	42.5	5.80	5.81	5.68
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	205.52	203.58	181.58	39.6	39.0	38.8	5.19	5.22	4.68
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	127.09	124.25	120.31	35.5	35.4	35.7	3.58	3.51	3.37
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	119.97	117.36	110.72	36.8	36.0	36.3	3.26	3.26	3.05
SERVICES	104.33	103.68	94.75	32.3	32.5	32.9	3.23	3.19	2.88

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

MAY 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	May 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1974	May 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1974	May 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1974	May 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1974	May 1975	Apr. 1975	May 1974
MANUFACTURING	4.9	3.0	5.2	3.4	1.7	4.4	4.4	2.4	3.3	1.6	1.2	2.4	2.2	0.6	0.5
Durable Goods	5.9	3.0	5.1	4.3	1.9	4.0	3.2	2.6	3.7	1.5	1.1	2.8	1.0	0.9	0.4
Primary Metal Industries	4.3	0.5	4.4	0.0	*	3.1	4.2	2.7	2.5	0.5	0.3	1.3	3.2	1.0	0.2
Nondurable Goods	2.9	2.8	5.3	1.7	1.4	5.1	6.8	1.9	2.6	1.7	1.5	1.8	4.5	*	0.6
MINING	3.9	2.6	6.5	2.2	1.7	3.5	2.9	2.8	4.9	1.7	1.1	2.4	0.3	*	*
Metal Mining	1.8	1.6	6.3	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.6	2.6	5.0	0.4	0.4	2.1	0.6	0.1	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	June 1975	June 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	34	18	161	108
MINING	13	5	43	26
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	48	36	177	182
MANUFACTURING	21	11	58	58
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	9	10	35	69
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	69	47	300	306
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	19	14	121	100
SERVICES	104	68	480	392
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	2	0	2	0
STATE TOTAL	319	209	1,377	1,241

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

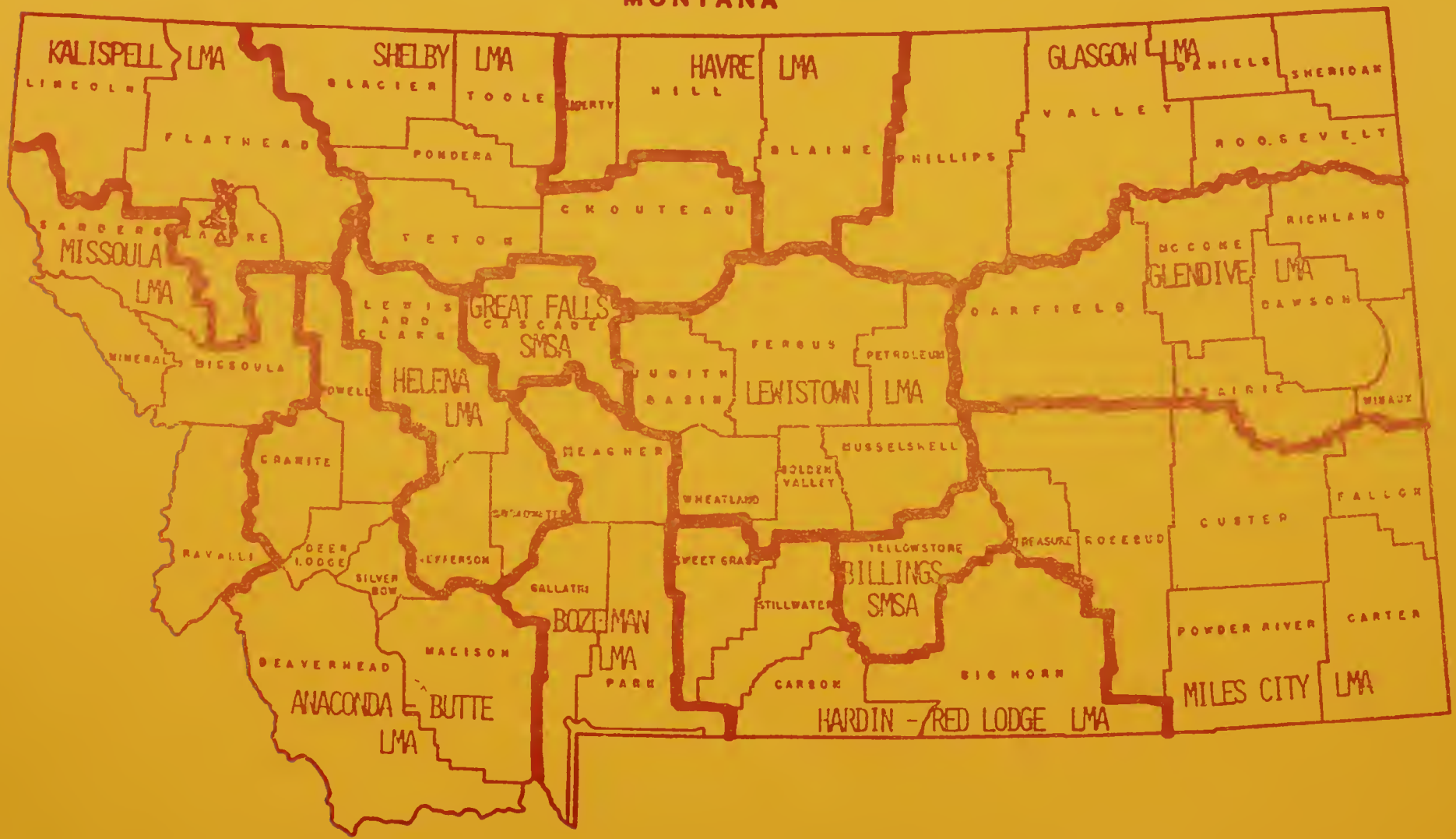
BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	June 1975	June 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
STATE OF MONTANA	319	209	1,377	1,241
GREAT FALLS SMSA	29	20	129	94
BILLINGS SMSA	46	23	205	200
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	19	11	104	96
Beaverhead	5	1	23	12
Deer Lodge	4	1	13	8
Granite	0	0	1	6
Madison	4	0	15	5
Powell	0	3	8	11
Silver Bow	6	6	44	54
BOZEMAN LMA	32	13	128	98
Gallatin	26	9	108	81
Meagher	1	0	4	1
Park	5	4	16	16
GLASGOW LMA	13	9	59	51
Daniels	3	0	16	5
Phillips	2	1	10	4
Roosevelt	3	2	13	7
Sheridan	4	3	10	7
Valley	1	3	10	28
GLENDIVE LMA	13	10	56	35
Dawson	9	6	25	17
Garfield	0	1	6	5
McCone	0	0	5	3
Prairie	0	0	1	1
Richland	4	2	18	8
Wibaux	0	1	1	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	11	7	47	43
Big Horn	5	2	23	11
Carbon	0	2	7	15
Stillwater	3	1	10	11
Sweet Grass	3	2	7	6

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
	June 1975	June 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
HAVRE LMA	13	2	52	36
Blaine	3	1	12	5
Hill	10	1	36	29
Liberty	0	0	4	2
HELENA LMA	21	16	78	87
Broadwater	3	0	6	2
Jefferson	5	1	9	9
Lewis and Clark	13	15	63	76
KALISPELL LMA	28	37	139	161
Flathead	23	22	102	101
Lake	4	9	25	44
Lincoln	1	6	12	16
LEWISTOWN LMA	6	9	23	40
Fergus	5	4	15	18
Golden Valley	0	1	0	3
Judith Basin	0	0	0	6
Musselshell	1	1	5	8
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	0	3	3	5
MILES CITY LMA	14	9	66	59
Carter	1	0	4	2
Custer	8	4	29	37
Fallon	3	4	11	10
Powder River	0	0	3	3
Rosebud	2	1	18	7
Treasure	0	0	1	0
MISSOULA LMA	62	32	230	197
Mineral	2	0	13	3
Missoula	42	24	157	140
Ravalli	11	7	32	34
Sanders	7	1	28	20
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	12	11	61	44
Chouteau	0	1	7	6
Glacier	5	4	21	11
Pondera	4	2	16	6
Teton	2	1	9	10
Toole	1	3	8	11

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS IN MONTANA



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